

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to pharmaceutical compositions, and method for preparing pharmaceutical compositions, comprising a cross-linked matrix physically entrapping at least one therapeutic agent. The matrix may comprise one or more phases in addition to an aqueous phase, such as a solid and/or oil phase. The matrix of the invention has at least one controlled release in-vivo kinetic profile, and may have additional profiles for the same agent. The matrix may also comprise more than one therapeutic agent, and each additional therapeutic agent may have one or more controlled release in-vivo kinetic profile.